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HYMN FOR ASCENSION DAY.
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"And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and
He stood up to bless them. And it came to pass,
while He blessed them, He was parted from them,
and carried up into heaven."—LUKE 24:50.

Our eyes with gladness wet,
Our lips with joy give way,
Like those who stood on Olivet
That first Ascension day.

Rich blessing we receive
From hands once pierced and torn;
That Spirit which can always give
Large love to hearts forlorn.

As our ascending Lord
Mounts up to realms of light,
He breathes on us His gracious word
To launch all our night.

Let us ascend to-day
With Christ to hallow things;
Confessing His our Life, our Way,
Our Truth, our King of kings.

COIN ON EVOLUTION.

BY PROF. H. P. BOWNE.

Prof. Bowne has written, and the
Patrons have published, a work
called "Evolution of To-Day." It
claims to be a summary of the theory
of evolution as held by scientists at
the present time, and an account of
the progress made by the discussions
and investigations of a quarter of a
century. The author has done a good
and useful work. The doctrine of
evolution has long been in need of a
clearing up; while the literature has
become so vast that the layman could
hardly hope to find his way through
it. It is desirable that the doctrine
should be restated, and that a guide
through the labyrinth should be fur-
nished. This work has been well
done by the author; and thereby he
has rendered a substantial service to
the lay reader. From this treatise
one may get a good idea of the evolu-
tion theory and its main arguments,
together with some suggestion of its
difficulties. For this purpose I know
of no other work equal to it.

Evolution having long been a prey
to popular scientists and world-build-
ers, and having come thereby to mean
everything and nothing, the author
has first to define the term. Several
things are said on this point, all of
which reduce, however, to defining
evolution as the theory of descent, or
the connection of living things by de-
cent from a common ancestor. "It
further implies that if the histories of
all animals living to-day could be
traced backward, they would be found
to converge, until finally they met in
a common point of union, which
would represent a common ancestor
living in a remote past" (p. 5).

This does not mean that all the pre-
sents of life can be arranged in
linear order, as if a horse grew from
a clam, but that all orders have a
common origin. The branches on
the tree of life are not outgrowths of
one another, but they have a common
trunk and root. Evolution, then,
does not mean with our author uni-
versal-building, nor the deduction of
life from the inorganic, but simply
and only the just-named doctrine of
descent in the world of life. This
limitation of the doctrine must be
carefully kept in mind.

It is important to notice that there
is no religious, or philosophical, ob-
jection to such a theory, provided it
is established. For, as our author
says, "Evolution is simply a theory
as to the method by which species
have been introduced into the world,
entirely independent of any idea as to
the causes which have brought about
their introduction" (p. 9). If we
suppose the Creator to have a plan
which involves the successive appear-
ance of a graded scale of living things,
we may conceive the later orders to
be directly produced from the inor-
ganic, or we may conceive them to be
graded on to pre-existing forms; and
either view would be compatible with
the reality of the creative presence
and action. The question, then, is
purely one of method, and must be
decided by evidence. There is not

the slightest occasion for religious or
rhetorical shudders.

Two questions have to be distin-
guished: (1) Is evolution a fact?
(2) What are the causes and laws
which found and regulate evolution?
There is very general agreement
among naturalists that evolution is a
fact; but there is no agreement and
little but ignorance concerning the
causes and laws of evolution. The
author gives a summary of the evi-
dence for the fact of evolution and
also some account of the rebutting
testimony. Many unsolved problems
are pointed out, and the logical insuf-
ficiency of the argument is admitted;
at the same time, naturalists with
few exceptions are declared to accept
the doctrine. The arguments are
largely drawn from classification, es-
pecially from its tree-like structure,
from homologies of structure, and
from embryology. These, it is
said, find their readiest, and indeed
their only natural, explanation in the
theory of genetic descent. The only
other theory is that of types, which
the author seems at first to oppose to
that of descent; but he soon recog-
nizes that the two are compatible
(p. 58). The truth is, that these
two theories are in no way exclusive.

If we suppose that the Creator had a
plan of living things, the mode of its
realization would still remain an open
question; and this mode might be
either that of direct creation or a
modification of pre-existing forms.

The only opposition is between ge-
netic descent and special creation, and
that only on the supposition that life
already exists in some form. The
great advantage of the genetic theory
is that it enables us to assimilate the
introduction of species to the fami-
liar process of generation; but how
much weight this should have in
logic will always remain an open
question. If there was spontaneous
generation at the origin of life, it is
hardly credible that it happened
only once and in one single form. If,
on the other hand, life began in ac-
cordance with a plan, we must know
something of the plan before we can
decide that it included the origination
of everything from a single case and
form. The great diversity of early
life favors a manifold origin. Pure
logic, therefore, is likely long to
maintain a somewhat agnostic atti-
tude on this question. Thus far the
conclusion seems to be due partly to
the facts, but quite as much to the
desire for unity, continuity and gen-
eralization, which is so marked a
feature of the human mind, particu-
larly in its speculative and biological
efforts.

It is one of the misfortunes of ap-
plied logic that it has no cautious
whereby to determine when a theory
ceases to be a private opinion and
becomes a theory with some measure
of objective probability. In one
sense all our theories are but our
ways of accounting to ourselves for
phenomena. If we may assume this,
we can explain that. It is plain that
the value of such explanations will
vary with the simplicity of the facts
and the transparency of their laws.

When dealing with simple matter and
motion, we may reach a good degree
of certainty. When the phenomena
and their laws become more complex,
this certainty diminishes, and the
tendency is toward an agnostic atti-
tude or to a simple expression of
opinion recognized as opinion. The
enthusiastic dogmatist of course is
sure each time, and does not scruple
to invent continents and to pile hy-
pothesis upon hypothesis, all the
while talking about science and rig-
orous logic. In these more complex
matters all that seems possible is to
let every one be fully persuaded in his
own mind, cautioning him, however,
not to mistake his adopted opinion for
demonstrated science. The progress
of criticism and the survival of
the fittest will then look after the
case.

Assuming evolution to be a fact,
the next question concerns its causes
and laws. Here the author reviews
the several theories and points out
their defects. Darwin's doctrine of
natural selection is shown to be inad-
quate on many accounts, and it is
said to be either abandoned or reduced
to a subordinate position. The theories
of environment, of internal force, of
extraordinary births, and of use and
disuse, are examined in turn and found
at best to contain only partial expla-
nations of the facts. Finally, some ac-
count is given of theories of heredi-
ty. To a logician, or to one acquaint-

ed only with the logic of the inorgan-
ic sciences, these will seem like the
wildest vagaries. The conclusion is,
that there is at present no adequate
theory of the causes of evolution.

The facts advanced by the author
concerning the causes of evolution
seem to deprive the theory of a great
deal of the advantage supposed to re-
sult from it. As he says (p. 283):
"To admit that the present species
are descended from older ones is no
advantage, unless it can be shown that
new species can arise from old ones
by the working of acknowledged
laws of organic being." Heredity
and variation are the laws appealed
to; but these are known only as
facts. Of their causes and determin-
ing coefficients nothing is known.

Both are but names for facts empiri-
cally discovered, and not laws from
which the facts might be deduced.

The explanation of likeness by heredi-
ty is an explanation of likeness by
likeness. The explanation of varia-
tion by variation is the same tautology.

And when these are
combined to explain the branching
classification and the homologies of
organic being, it seems to amount
about to saying that there has been
variation enough to explain the un-
likeness, and likeness enough to ex-
plain the similarity. Things are not
alike because they have descended
from a common stock, but because
they have descended under the influ-
ence of unknown circumstances which
have secured the likeness. Certainly
one must be easily satisfied who can
long content himself with such an ex-
planation.

In the chapter on Man, particular-
ly in the psychological part, the au-
thor seems not so successful as in the
rest of the work. Writers in this
field have often tended to lose them-
selves among abstractions, such as
"the human mind" and "the brute
mind;" and they have labored to de-
velop "the human mind" from "the
brute mind." Then they have
stripped the qualities from "the
mind," and have found that, differing
only in degree, one might easily be
"evolved" from the other. The diffi-
culty is that the reality in these cases
is never "mind," but concrete minds
each with its own inalienable individ-
uality and specific coefficient of men-
tality; and to which, as real, evolu-
tion has no assignable meaning. The
author does not seem entirely to have
escaped this snare of abstraction;
but this is probably due to his ex-
pounding the theory of mental evolu-
tion in the current language of the
school. We repeat our commendation
of the work as a whole, and take
the liberty of a teacher to congrat-
ulate an old pupil on so successful a
beginning of what we hope will be a
long and useful scientific and literary
career.

NEW YORK LETTER.

BY REV. R. WHEATLEY, D. D.

The eighteenth anniversary of the
Drew Theological Seminary has been
celebrated, and has been a mem-
orable occasion, or rather series of oc-
casions. The Baccalaureate sermon of
President H. A. Buttz was fully up to
the excellent standard of his produc-
tions. Rev. G. H. McGrew, who was
announced to deliver the annual ser-
mon to the Missionary Association, is a
most interesting and effective speaker.

Your correspondent did not have the
pleasure of listening to him, but is con-
fident from what he has heard from his
lips in the Preachers' Meeting, that
it was in every way worthy of the
theme, the audience, and the occasion.

Bro. McGrew is engaged, under the
auspices of the British and Foreign Bible
Society, in the revision of the Hindi
version of the New Testament. Him-
self and admirable wife are of the best
class of modern missionaries.

Wednesday, the day selected for lay-
ing the corner-stone of the library
building, dawned amid showers of
blessing. The plural descent was, in
fact, so abundant, that it prevented
many from making their way to Mad-
ison. Never did the face of nature
wear a fresher or more promising ap-
pearance. When we entered the Methodist
church it was to find it filled to the
doors, and resonant with the inspiring
eloquence of Rev. Dr. Little, professor
of history in Syracuse University. His
address was pertinent to the library,
founded largely by the exertions of the
peerless John Mcintosh. As last year's
rains are now in the springing grass,
last year's sunshine in the burgeoning
foliage, last year's harvests in the fruit-
ful earth, so the spirit of Dr. Mcintosh
is in the students of the institution
of which he was the first president, and
his labors in the prosperous institution
itself. Prof. Little is a thorough-going
Methodist, a stalwart defender of re-
vealed truth against "the shifting cer-

tainities of infallible mutabilities," a
skillful grouper of historic facts around
eternal principles, and an eloquent or-
ator, whose brilliant climaxes bring
down the house in storms of applause.
His hearers would gladly refresh their
memory of his splendid address by
reading it in type. He may have pre-
served a copy. The original is now de-
posited in the sealed box under the
corner-stone, together with other per-
tinent documents.

Bishop Foster, assisted by J. B. Cor-
nell, esq., laid the corner-stone, agree-
ably to the ritual of the church, and
presented the silver trowel used on the
occasion to the collection of curiosities
that will be contained in the completed
edifice. Not only will the building
embrace about 20,000 volumes, but will
also include the collections of Confer-
ence Historical Societies. Methodism
is outgrowing many of its structural
accommodations. Some that were am-
ple twenty-five years ago, are now out
of date, and must be replaced by others
in order to meet the augmenting
necessities of the church. Methodism
lives by getting into debt, and not stay-
ing in debt. The debt is creative of
the means that provide for its own li-
quidation. We see no prospect of church-
"forfeiture,"—certainly not of endow-
ments so rich that its workers
will become giddy and ineffective, or,
like Jeshurun, fat and kicking.

Two or three hundred friends en-
joyed the hospitalities of the institution
in Mead Hall, the principal building.
Some of the visitors, who bear official
relation to this school of the prophets,
paid handsomely for their entertain-
ment by subscribing most liberally to
the building fund of the library. Pro-
vision was made by the twenty-five,
more or less, trustees present for the
payment of the \$35,000 needed to finish
the structure. About \$30,000 have been
previously subscribed; \$18,000 have
been paid in, and an unexpended bal-
ance of over \$3,000 remains in the
hands of the treasurer. The entire
cost of the library building is estimated
at \$65,000. Twenty-five thousand dol-
lars were pledged by the trustees pre-
sent; \$10,000 will be raised by Dr.
Buttz; and these two sums, added to
the \$30,000 already secured, make up
the grand total of \$65,000. Twenty
thousand dollars more will be required
for the furnishing. The Lord's re-
sources are very great, and the \$20,000
are somewhere in the pockets of His
faithful stewards, or will be by the
time they are wanted. The faithful
friends of the Drew Theological Sem-
inary are the Lord's people—if the en-
durance of trial be an infallible token
of that highest distinction—for their
faith, love, and liberality were tried to
the uttermost after the failure of the
generous donor whose name now dis-
tinguishes the Seminary.

The temptation to write down the
names of the brethren who subscribed
the \$25,000 last Wednesday, and to tell
how much each gave, is very strong.
Their modest resolve to act on the "let
not your left hand know what your
right hand doeth" principle is the only
safeguard against falling into it. The
Lord knows what each gave, and each
sees to think that that is sufficient.

We only respect the wishes of those
who gave most in preserving discreet
silence as to the amounts. One fact
may be mentioned with propriety; and
that is, that among the most liberal
were the preachers. Most of them, and
especially those who are General Con-
ference officials, have goodly salaries;
but they also have goodly expenses.

When one of them states that \$2,700
constitutes the sum total of his yearly
beneficence, it is manifest that what is
left out of \$4,500 will not make him un-
commonly wealthy, and especially after
paying house-rent and current taxes.

Honors are nice things, but the wearers
pay for them. There is really no need
as in the State—There is really no need
for any pastor—even were any pastor
possibly so disposed—to turn green
with envy because some ministers have
larger salaries than he. They have
also larger expenditure and larger re-
sponsibility. By all this we don't mean
to intimate that my clerical stipends
are not distressfully small. They are
—abominably so. But differences are
not so great as they seem, and Method-
ism is fruitful of devices to lessen the
differences, so that no suffering—or as
little suffering as possible—shall re-
sult. The church takes as good care,
at least, of all her ministers as any
other church in that grand aggregate
known as the Church of Christ. Still,
it is wise to foster church sustentation
Societies, and societies looking to the
relief of worn-out preachers, widows,
and orphans. There is no danger of
doing too much.

ANOTHER METHODIST HOSPITAL.

Charles Scott, esq., one of the trust-
ees hailing from the City of Brotherly
Love, states that the Methodists of
Philadelphia intend to raise \$100,000
for the purchase of lots and the erection
of one wing of a Methodist Hospital in
that ancient town. They are prompted
thereto, first, by desire to minister to
all the needs of suffering humanity;
second, by the manifest bequest of an
old Methodist physician, Dr. Scott
Stuart, who has left \$230,000 for a
Methodist hospital; and, thirdly, by
the decision of the judge of the Or-
phans' Court, who holds that the Meth-
odist Episcopal Church ought to raise a
reasonable sum in a reasonable time
before the legacy of \$230,000 is handed
over to their custody. Twelve months

would be a reasonable time; one or two
hundred thousand dollars would be a
reasonable sum. The worthy jurist
evidently thinks that the bequest should
constitute the endowment, or the nu-
cleus of it. Methodism will hardly
think otherwise. The best fiscal
thought of Philadelphia is busy on the
whole subject. So is that of Brooklyn
and New York—Brooklyn is only a
suburb of New York, any way. How
is it with that of Boston? "Inasmuch
as ye have done it unto one of the
least of these, my brethren, ye have
done it unto Me."

AN EX-BOSTONIAN.

Among the twenty-three graduates
of the Drew Theological Seminary this
year is Fred N. Upham, A. B., the son
of a certain Professor Upham, well and
most favorably known in this locality,
and formerly familiar to "ye antique
town of Boston."

The graduating
thesis of Mr. Upham—who receives
honorable mention for special work in
hymnology, belles-lettres, and history—
was, "Disestablishment of the Church
of England." "Instead of the fathers
shall be the children." The church is
most fortunate that has both the fathers
and the children.

OUR CANADA CORRESPONDENT IN RICHMOND, VA.

MR. EDITOR: I am afraid that I mis-
understood your letter received just be-
fore I went to Richmond. I understood
you to say that one letter would be
your only space for me. In your
issue of the 19th you publish my letter,
and on page 4 you add: "Others will
follow."

I was obliged to return home before
the General Conference closed, but the
most important business was completed,
and the Bishops were elected and or-
dained. Several reports were finished,
the last one on revisions had been adopted,
and a great number of delegates,
mostly lay men, had obtained leave of
absence and returned home.

My visit to the South was very pleas-
ant. I renewed the friendship of a
great number of excellent ministers and
others whom I had long known by re-
putation. There is an amount of frank-
ness among the people which soon en-
ables a stranger to feel himself at home.

In religious worship there is an absence
of stiffness and formality which are
sadly too common in many quarters.

The "amen" corner is not wholly
abandoned. The Sunday-schools which
I visited appeared to be in a state of
great efficiency. There were some mass
meetings in one of the largest halls of
the city, which was crowded to the ut-
most capacity. I was a little disap-
pointed in respect to some of the
churches. They were not so spacious
as I anticipated, but all were fitted up
in a neat, and some of them even in an
elegant, manner.

I never attended an ecclesiastical
gathering where there was more freedom
in debate. No member manifested
the least degree of timidity. Every one
spoke freely, and as the time of each
speaker was limited, there was but little
circumlocution. The gist of the ques-
tion under discussion was grasped pre-
sently, and all seemed to understand what
they were talking about. It was very
rarely indeed that any one was called
to order.

The courteousness of the members
and their respect to the presiding officer,
were very manifest and gratifying to an
onlooker. I only remember two or
three instances in which unparliamentary
language was used, and a tap on the
table by the Bishop soon commanded
the greatest quiet even in the midst
of the most exciting debate. Our
Southern brethren are eminently con-
servative, both in doctrine and polity.

Numerous changes were asked for in
respect to the election of presiding
elders, their salaries, size of their dis-
tricts; the power of the Bishops in re-
spect to stationing the preachers at An-
nual Conferences; about reading the
General Rules in the congregations
once a quarter, and various other mat-
ters; but, except in some very rare in-
stances, the almost constant recommen-
dation was "non-concurrence," and no
matter how many motions would be in-
troduced to amend, the almost universal
decision was in favor of the committee's
recommendation.

The reception of fraternal delegates
from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and
the Methodist Church in Canada, took
place at an evening session which
will not soon be forgotten. Rev. Dr.
Miley and Dr. Briggs were the two
honored brethren, and right well did
they discharge their respective duties.

The interests of their churches were
well sustained. General Fisk was pre-
sent, and at the call of the chair he said
a few words, but they were royal
words, manly, gentlemanly, Christian,
mingled with a few sparks of good
humor which often brought down the
house. It was delightful to me to see
the manner in which the Conference re-
ceived the remarks of one who during
the war was among those who sought
to take Richmond, and who cheered so
repeatedly as he mentioned incidents
with which many were familiar in con-
nection with that dark period of Amer-
ican history. He styled Dr. McFerrin
"his young friend of Nashville," in al-
lusion to some service which the vener-
able man performed when the General
was settling matters in that city after
the war.

A few days afterward, a representa-

tive from the Colored M. E. Church ap-
peared in Conference, and as he could
only remain a short time, the order of
business was suspended, and the gentle-
man addressed the Conference. Dr.
Phillips is the nephew of the colored
representative, and, if I mistake not, he
hails from Memphis, Tenn., and is en-
gaged in teaching. He reminded me of
Frederick Douglass when I heard him
twenty years ago. His oratorical pow-
ers are good, and his address was brim-
ful of goodpoints, which elicited great
applause.

Probably of all the questions that
came before the Conference, none
seemed to possess greater interest than
the election of Bishops. Never having
seen such an election before, I was the
most interested. The question was in-
troduced with suitable religious ser-
vices. Every delegate took his seat,
and no one was allowed to stand in the
aisles except the persons who collected
the ballots and took them to the secre-
tary's table when all had voted. The
house was crowded; there did not seem
to be an inch of space outside the bar
where human beings were not permitted.

The counting of the ballots reflected
the fact that more than seven persons
had received votes for the office of
bishop, and as none had a majority,
there was no election; therefore after a
recess of a few hours, another session
was held, and the election was resumed,
when there were duly elected. The an-
nouncement of their names was received
with vociferous cheering. A third vote
secured the election of the fourth
bishop. The following are the names
and order in which they were elected:

W. W. Duncan, D. D., professor in
Wofford College, South Carolina. He
is said to be a fine scholar and a man
greatly beloved. C. B. Galloway, D. D.,
editor of *New Orleans Christian Advocate*.
I heard him preach one night, and was
greatly pleased. I regarded his sermon
as one of the best I ever heard in my
life. He has just issued the "Life of
Bishop Parker," his predecessor both in
the editor's chair and the bishopric. As
he is only thirty-eight years old, it is to
be hoped that there are many years of
usefulness before him. E. R. Hendrix,
D. D., president of Central College,
Mo., and only one year older than Dr.
Galloway. A member of Conference
said to the present writer that Dr.
Hendrix only had one disqualification
for Bishop—"he is rich." This is a
disqualification that some others
would willingly endure. Dr. Hendrix
is not unknown as an author. He went
round the world with the late Bishop
Marvin, published a book of travels,
and afterward wrote the life of his fel-
low-traveler. Dr. Joseph Stanton Key
was the fourth man elected, and is the
only one taken directly from the pas-
torate, though all the others spent a few
years as pastors. Dr. Key hails from
North Georgia, where he is a presiding
elder. His father was a minister, and
he has had two sons in the same hon-
orable employment, one of whom has
finished his course. He is the oldest mem-
ber of those elected, being a little over
fifty years of age. Dr. Duncan is not
quite fifty. It is believed that the Gen-
eral Conference has made a wise selec-
tion, which will confirm the opinion
often expressed that both the M. E.
Churches have been specially guided in
their choice of Bishops.

The ordination service was very im-
pressive. Bishop McTear preached
the sermon, taking for his text Jeremiah
3: 15: "And I will give you pastors,"
etc. It was a plain, practical discourse,
well suited to the occasion. The other
Bishops took part in the solemn ser-
vice, and with the elders who presented
the Bishop-elect, assisted in the laying
on of hands. The church was crowded,
though the service lasted more than
two hours.

In consequence of the prosperous
condition of the publishing house, the
Conference resolved to grant the editor
of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, an
assistant, and also set apart the sum of
\$2,500 for contributed articles. A great
number of valuable books have lately
been issued, which were for sale at
Richmond. Among others may be men-
tioned: "Sermons," second series, by
Dr. Munsey, edited by Bishop Keener;
"Sermons and Addresses," by Bishop
Pierce, edited by Dr. Haygood; "Life
of the Editor-Bishop Parker," already
mentioned; "High Churchism Disarmed,"
being largely a vindication of Dr. Coke,
by Dr. Harrison; "The Initial Life," by
Dr. Rosser; "Studies Supplementary
to the Studies in the Forty Days," by
Dr. Lipscomb; "Aids and Helps to
Family Devotion," by A. L. Palmer,
manager of the publishing house. I
have read most of Munsey's "Sermons,"
Dr. Lipscomb's "Studies," and the little
work by Mr. Palmer, with all of which
I have been greatly pleased. Mr. P.'s
book should give a great impetus to
family prayer.

The churches were well attended on
the Conference Sundays. I heard
Bishop Keener, Bishop Galloway, Dr.
McFerrin, Dr. Briggs, of Canada, and
Dr. Briggs from Texas, with all of
whom I was pleased and profited. The
churches in which the two representa-
tives, Drs. Miley and Briggs, officiated,
were the most densely crowded. Dr. Mc-
Ferrin preached at the Soldiers' Home.
All the pulpits of Richmond except those
of the Episcopal and Roman Catholic
churches, were occupied by members of the
Conference. Several went to neighboring
places and officiated. The Bishops ap-
peared to be much called for, and I was
pleased with the way in which every
member took the church assigned

him. Dr. Haygood preached on both
Sundays, once to a great crowd of col-
ored people.

Colored churches are numerous in
Richmond, and some of them are very
large. At this we need not wonder
when we remember that one-half of the
population of the city consists of col-
ored people. I attended one of those
churches on a Sunday evening, which
will ever be memorable in my history.
The preacher was Rev. Mr. Jasper. He
is a stout, well-built African, and has
been in the ministry about fifty years.
He was wonderfully stentorian both in
prayer and preaching. Some of his il-
lustrations were far-fetched, and his ap-
plication of Bible truth would not al-
ways be pronounced as orthodox, but
there was an amount of fervor and mag-
netism which seemed to lay hold of the
congregation. There were probably
fifteen hundred persons present, all col-
ored except myself. The singing was
grand, but the shouting, and jumping,
and falling down, surpassed all I ever
witnessed.

Dr. Lafferty, editor of the *Christian
Advocate*, Richmond, has brought out a
unique volume which will be a mem-
oir of the General Conference. It is
called, "Sketches of the General Con-
ference," and contains photos of most
of those in attendance, with historical
descriptions of each. It is a great
volume, and deserves a wide sale. The
likenesses are not all perfect, but con-
sidering that the number of persons
taken is so great, the wonder is that
they are so well done.

The Church South has passed through
some dark pages of history, and the
march is, considering the impoverished
condition of everything after the war,
that the church has attained to such a
state of prosperity. It was impossible
to wander far away without being re-
minded of those sad scenes which oc-
curred in war times. I was told of
families who lost every one of their
male members. Men would be seen
with only one hand, or one arm, or one
leg; cripples of almost every possible
form would meet your gaze.

From all that I could gather, every-
body was pleased that slavery had been
abolished, and though the social and
moral condition of the negroes, particu-
larly the women, is not what is desir-
able, yet all are agreed that the race is
advancing in all that is good. Some
have acquired considerable property,
and the instances of kindness which
some have given to their former mas-
ters, were gratifying to hear.

The objects of interest around Rich-
mond are numerous, several of which
I visited: St. John's Church, in which
Patrick Henry made his famous oration,
which contains the well-known sen-
tence, "Give me liberty or give me
death;" the old stone house which was
Washington's headquarters, and in
which Sir Walter Raleigh was con-
demned to be executed; Libby Prison,
Jeff Davis' mansion, now a normal
school; the capitol, which was built
partly of bricks brought from Eng-
land; the rafters contain evidence
that planing machines were unknown,
as they are all finished with the axe.

The cemeteries and parks are worthy
of being visited. I was at Oakwood
on Decoration Day. What a spectacle!
Here sleep 16,000 Confederate soldiers,
to whose memory a large monument
has been erected. There were thou-
sands of people present. Groups of
ladies were everywhere engaged scat-
tering flowers. I also visited Holy-
wood, where sleep some thousands
more who fought during the campaign.

In this place Jesse Lee is said to be bur-
ied. I did not know this until after I
had been there, or I would have sought
his grave. The monuments in Capitol
Square to the memory of Washington
and his cabinet, and Stonewall Jackson
command universal admiration.

The day before I left Conference, Dr.
Newman, of the Metropolitan Church,
Washington, was present. He and Dr.
McFerrin, and a few others appeared to
be on terms of friendship. The Doctor
did not remain long. I afterwards as-
certained that the object of his visit
was to arrange for some Southern
brethren to take part in the services of
Round Lake camp-meeting. Our South-
ern brethren make it a rule, which they
strictly observe, not to introduce any
person at the General Conference, no
matter how distinguished he may be,
unless he bears some official intelli-
gence. This rule has been adopted for
some time, but it is not universally
complied with.

I left Richmond with a very high
opinion of the piety of the Southern
Methodists. Of course I did not ap-
prove of all I saw and heard in the
Conference. Some spoke as though
they knew everything, and what they
did not know was of no value to any-
body. The motion of federation did
not end as I anticipated. Many feel
sore about the decisions of Cape May
not having been observed. There was,
however, no unkind utterance respect-
ing the North. A feeling appears to be
very prevalent that one General Con-
ference for the whole United States is
an impossibility, and that there should
be at least three General Conferences,
separate and distinct, but in some way
federally related. As the M. E. Church
is the largest and most wealthy and in-
fluential body, if at the next General
Conference, to be held in New York, a
proposition should be made for a com-
mission to be appointed to consider the
question of federation without absorp-
tion, I am of the opinion that many in
the South would be filled with exuber-
ant joy. May there be no strife between
the Methodists of this land henceforth
and forever, and let all the readers of
ZION'S HERALD say Amen!

Babyhood for June has pattern outlines for the "Suit," the invention of a physician, who says he "with the absurdity of the toilet" that this simple suit answers for the usual saving of trouble and in dressing the baby is with the increased comfort of the child. This number is crisscrossed with practical articles for the St., New York.

the amount was increased to \$60,000. Only about \$20,000 more are requisite

leaving all meant surrendering the most precious earthly ties, and, above all, leaving undisturbed the ties of friendship and family which were so dearly valued. But with the knowledge that it was God's will, she said submissively, "I give it all up, and Christ shall have the victory." Her spirit and trustful faith remain with us as an inspiration. The record of such a life cannot be put in words, like it written on high angels in the hearts of her friends.

ELLA H. WOODMAN.

BROTHER JOSEPH F. HOGGINGTON died at Bangor, Maine, Feb. 19, 1888, aged nearly 66 years.

BROTHER HOGGINGTON was known not only as a good neighbor and citizen, but also as a sincere and devoted Christian. For sixteen years he was known as a faithful disciple of Christ. He joined the M. E. Church in 1880, held the office of deacon, and was one of the members of the class of acknowledged faithful. His last days were cheered by the presence of the Saviour, and his death was a peaceful one. He leaves a family of eleven children, some of whom are of tender years. They need the prayers of the church, and all may be prepared to meet, an unbroken family, around the throne of God.

W. H. POWLESLAND.

JAMES GRAY WAS born in Brighton, Maine, Aug. 26, 1826. He came with his parents to New York to Wesley, Me. There he located

be at rest. Truly, what is our loss is his gain.
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She departed this life in full assurance of faith.
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A dark, vertical, textured strip, possibly a book binding or a piece of fabric, with a lighter, textured strip along the left edge. The dark strip has a mottled, grainy appearance, while the lighter strip on the left is smoother and more uniform in color. There is a small, dark, irregular mark near the bottom left corner of the lighter strip.

The Week.

DAILY RECORD OF LEADING EVENTS.

Tuesday, May 25.

Occurrence of a large fire in the immense paint and chemical works of Harrison Bros., Philadelphia.

A flattering reception given Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes at the St. George's Club, London.

The town of Ballagry, in Austrian Galicia, destroyed by fire.

Allegation of the Catholic faith by Monsignor Remier, a prelate in the Pope's household, and an eminent writer and preacher.

Rejection of the second reading of the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister, by the British House of Lords.

Wednesday, May 26.

Appropriate celebration of the 25th anniversary of the city of Springfield, Mass.

Opening of the session of the American Congress of Churches, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad sold to the re-organization committee.

A strike reported in Chicago for a return to ten hours on the part of men who recently demanded and were granted eight.

An important session of the British cabinet held, at which it was resolved to amend the home rule bill so that the government may not be defeated on the second reading.

Thursday, May 27.

The village of Runkels, Wis., destroyed by fire.

Celebration of the 150th anniversary by the town of Gorham, Me.

The long-pending case of Prof. Fiske to break his widow's will finally decided, Cornell University receiving the million and a half.

Opening of the 98th annual meeting of the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Massachusetts, in Trinity chapel, this city.

Professor von Ranke's obsequies in Berlin largely attended.

Friday, May 28.

The Universalist church, a hotel, and other buildings, burned in Franklin, Mass.

Occurrence, yesterday, of the annual Universalist festival in the Chardon Street hall, this city. Speeches by Hon. G. S. Hale, Hon. G. M. Stearns, Gov. Robinson and others, and poem by Dr. James Freeman Clarke.

Serious fire in the Grand Central mine, Tombstone, Arizona.

Saturday, May 29.

President Cleveland to be married on Wednesday next to Miss Frankie Folsom, at the White House.

Death of John K. Bartlett, author and bibliographer.

A pupil named Bailey killed by schoolmaster Elliott in self-defense, at Woodbridge, Conn.

A renunciation of colored veteran soldiers of Massachusetts held in Worcester, Mass.

Fall of the interior of the Valley City Mills, Mich., carrying with it 50,000 bushels of grain and all the new machinery. Estimated damage, \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Rapid increase of the cholera in Italy.

Continuation of Mr. Etna's eruption with undiminished vigor, threatening great destruction.

Monday, May 31.

Very serious forest fires raging in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Rev. T. C. Jerome, of Waltham, N. H., three children, and a young man named Davis, drowned in Lake Winnepesaukee.

Death of 43 persons from cholera in two days in Venice.

Seventy persons drowned by the loss of the steamer Sycomoon in Australian waters.

No gentleman enjoys wearing garments made from poor cloth, or which do not fit. Even a good cloth when poorly made up is a continuous annoyance. All persons walking through School Street cannot fail to notice the spacious store and the broad windows of Messrs. C. A. Smith & Co., and the attractive display of a great variety of fabrics adapted to the season, for coats, pants or vests. The best of cloths and goods have given this house the deserved reputation of being one of the most reliable in the city.

Some choice novelties in Wiltons, with borders to match, have just been received by John H. Pray, Sons & Co.

PRESENT APPEARANCES indicate that knitting is to be one of the most fashionable industries of the day. Formerly, wool and cotton were the materials used for this purpose, but of late silk is taking the place of the above, and it is so soft that the most delicate fingers are not injured by it. There are several varieties of silk in market, but those of largest exportation prefer the American Florence Silk to either the French or English, which are so loosely twisted as to resemble embroidery, and rough up so badly in knitting that it is impossible to produce the smooth surface which is so desirable in the manufactured articles. A book of instructions for all kinds of knitting has been issued by the Nonpareil Silk Company, entitled "How to Use Florence Knitting Silk," and it will prove a most invaluable manual, as every rule in the book has been tested.

THE NEW ROUTE TO ST. JOSEPH, MO.—The through line from Chicago to St. Joseph, Missouri, over the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad will be open to public use on and after May 2nd, 1886. The extension west from Alton to St. Joseph has been constructed with the utmost care, and in all respects compares favorably with any of the older portions of the Rock Island system. Through express trains run as follows: Leave Chicago 12.10 p. m. and 11.00 p. m., arrive in St. Joseph 8.15 a. m. and 7.55 p. m., respectively. Returning, leave St. Joseph 7.35 p. m. and 6.25 a. m., arriving in Chicago at 2.35 p. m. and 6.25 a. m. The passenger equipment of these trains, consisting of day coaches, Pullman palace parlor and sleeping cars, reclining chair cars and dining cars, is and will be characterized by the same comfort, luxury and splendor which have made the Kansas City Route of the Rock Island so universally popular. The new line opens up a new and independent avenue of transportation to and from one of the most flourishing, up-and-coming cities of the West—a city of 30,000 inhabitants, commanding an immense trade that covers a vast area included in the States and Territories contiguous and tributary to it. Success to the through line to St. Joseph, and may the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific man, agent harvest that full measure of reward which their superior energy and enterprise have so fairly earned.

In behalf of Messrs. H. R. Plimpton & Co., we extend a cordial invitation to our readers to visit their household furnishing establishment at 1075-1077 and 1079 Washington Street.

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Any of our readers desiring household goods of any kind will find it to their interest to examine the large stock at Chas. H. Barnes' establishment, 512 Washington St., Boston.

THE ROCKLAND DISTRICT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION will hold its next session at Rockport, June 14-17. Monday evening, preaching by Mr. P. Bridgman; Tuesday, 9 a. m., prayer-meeting; Wednesday, 9 a. m., prayer-meeting; Sunday School Meeting; addresses by W. F. Chase, L. L. Hanson and C. B. Besse; Essays: Intermediate State, C. A. Plimmer, R. B. Byrne, O. Tyler; The Conversion of the Children, J. A. Morison, S. H. Beale, J. H. Bennett; Infant Baptism, W. L. Brown, T. R. Penteost, S. Bickmore; Is Baptism a Prerequisite to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper? W. F. Chase, E. A. Gilman, J. R. Baker; Duty of all Christians to unite with the Church, L. L. Hanson, G. H. Chadwick; Recent Session of the East Maine Conference (1) Its Preachers and Preaching, its Constitution, W. R. Fernald; (2) Business Sessions, Results and Personnel, C. Rogers; Our Duty as Methodists Respecting the Temperance Question, J. H. Beale, J. R. Clifford, C. B. Besse; Is Sin Punished in this Life? C. L. Mills, I. H. 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